(c) what steps Government propose to take against inaction on part of appropriate authorities and for giving telephone connections at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Two applicants are in waiting list. Action is being taken to provide the new telephone connections. Cable has been received at the site and the cable laying work is under progress. These two new telephone connections will be provided by March, 2002.

Call phone operation by BSNL

2603. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is planning to enter the call phone operations across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are bureaucratic hurdles from within the Department; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to overcome these hurdles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Sir. there is no plan to start any service by the name of 'Call Phone Operations'.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Pending Telephone Connections in UP

2604. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the pending telephone connections in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the telecom circles in UP which are not able to meet the targets;

(c) the circles in UP which are complaints prone; and

(d) the action taken to rectify the situation?